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1. SUMMARY: AUSTRALIAN PERMREP CONTINUING EFFORTS TO MARSHAL
SUPPORT FOR TRANSFERRING SUBJECT INSTITUTION TO OTHER ASIAN HOME.
LATEST ENTREATY MADE AT INFORMAL ACPR LUNCHEON NOV. 19. END
SUMMARY.

2. RED HAS RECEIVED SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION RE SUBJECT
REGISTRY FROM AUSTRALIAN PERMREP. PURPOSE OF SECOND COMMUNICACTION
DTD. NOVEMBER 13 IS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RE SUBJECT OPERATIONS
POSED BY SOME ACPR MEMBERS.

3. REGISTRY PRODUES HIGH LEVEL TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS ON
REGULAR BASIS AND CIRCULATES LISTING OF EXPERTS AND INSTITUTIONS
AVAILABLE IN TECHNICAL FIELDS WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF THEIR WORK IN
ESCAP COUNTRIES. BREAKDOWN BY FIELDS OF RESEARCH/PUBLICATIONS
AND NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN SEVEN
REGISTRY MEMBER COUNTRIES FOLLOW:

PLANT INDUSTRY AND SOILS 605

ANIMAL INDUSTRY 582

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4. STATEMENT CLAIMS THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE FOUND PUBLICATIONS TO BE OF VALUE PRINCIPALLY IN LOCATING TALENT RAPIDLY AND SOLVING TECHNICAL PROBLEMMS. AUSTRALIA PROPOSES THAT ESCAP TAKE OVER OPERATION AND FUNCTIONS OF REGISTRY THUS PERMITTING OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OPERATIONS FOR BENEFIT FULL REGIONAL ESCAP MEMBERSHIP.

5. AUSTRALIANS SEEKING ADVICE RE FUTURE FUNDING. SECRETARIAT HAS INCLUDED SUBJECT ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR ACPR MEETING NOV. 27. QUESTION DISCUSSED INTER ALIA AT ACPR LUNCHEON MEETING NOV. 19.

6. CURRENTLY 70 PERCENT OF REGISTRY OPERATING COSTS ARE FOR SALARIES. AUSTRALIA PRESENTLY CONTRIBUTES 55 PERCENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET WHILE JAPAN GIVES 20 AND NEW ZEALAND 10 PERCENT. AUSTRALIA WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL FUTURE PERCENTAGE

CONTRIBUTIONS. FUTURE ESTIMATED FUNDING SCALE FOLLOWS:

7 COUNTRIES	US\$136,000 PER ANNUM
20 COUNTRIES	260,000 PER ANNUM
28 COUNTRIES	300,000 PER ANNUM
FULL ESCAP MEMBERSHIP	480,000 PER ANNUM

7. AUSTRALIA BELIEVES UNDP FUNDING LIKELY IF ESCAP REGIONAL MEMBERS' PLEDGES OF SUPPORT ARE FORTHCOMING. FORWARD MOVEMENT OF TRANSFER FROM AUSTRALIA TO OTHER HOME CONTINGENT UPON PROMISES OF FUNDS AND SUPPORT FROM ESCAP MEMBERSHIP. AUSTRALIA PERMREP AND SECRETARIAT AGREE THAT NO ESCAP CENTRAL FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT REGISTRY IF ESCAP ASSUMES PATERNAL ROLE.

8. AUSTRALIAN PERMREP ADVISES THAT PHILIPPINES WAS APPROACHED AS POSSIBLE FUTURE LOCUS FOR REGISTRY VIEW THEIR RECENT EFFORTS CREATE NATIONAL REGISTRY. PHILIPPINES PRESENTLY STUDYING PROPOSAL. OTHER NATIONS INVITED CONSIDER HOSTING REGISTRY. FAILING TO LOCATE OTHER ASIAN HOME FOR REGISTRY, AUSTRALIA AMENABLE CONTINUE UNTIL DECISION REACHED TO PHASE OUT.

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9. AUSTRALIA PERMREP SEEKS SUPPORT AT ACPR MEETING NOV. 27.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: RED RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT SUPPORT OUR POSITION OUTLINED REF (A). RECOMMEND ALSO DEPT. ACTION PER REF (B), RE GUIDANCE ON SHIPPING AND GUIDELINES FOR ESCAP MEETINGS. ANY DEPT. ADVICE FOR AUSTRALIA RE FUNDING WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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